

**January 29, 2010**

## **The Calvin Ball Bulletin**

A bulletin to keep you and your neighbors informed of current news and happenings in our community. If you do not get this bulletin directly, feel free to email me at [cball@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:cball@howardcountymd.gov) and I will be sure to get you on the list.

For more District 2 News go to our website at:  
[www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC\\_DistrictTwo.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_DistrictTwo.htm)

---

### **Howard County Supports Haiti Disaster Efforts!**

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Haiti as they struggle to recover from this terrible earthquake. Several organizations have already mobilized resources and are on the ground in Haiti right now. Listed below are some organizations and links to ways you can support their critical work.

- **American Red Cross:** Donate online at <http://www.redcross.org> or donate \$10.00 by texting “HAITI” to “90999”.
- **Doctors Without Borders:** <http://doctorswithoutborders.org/>
- **Partners in Health:** <http://pih.org/home.html>
- **InterAction:** <http://www.interaction.org/crisis-list/earthquake-haiti>

---

### **Survive the Recession!!!**

Howard County’s Housing will host a three-part educational series, “Surviving the Recession.” Workshops are FREE, however seating is limited and reservations are required. To make your reservation, please call **(410) 313-3441**.

Session #1 “The Balancing Act: Budgeting, Spending and Credit will be held Saturday, **January 30, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at **6751 Columbia Gateway Drive** in Room 6. Session #2 “Savings: Making a Little Into Much” will be held Saturday, **February 20, 2010 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** held at the **Oakland**

**Mills Village Center, The Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Place.**  
Session #3 “Homeownership: Securing Your Most Valuable Asset” will be held Saturday, **March 20, 2010 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** located at **6751 Columbia Gateway Drive in Room 6.**

For more information on the series or to learn about homeownership opportunities in Howard County and the upcoming Housing Fair, contact **Howard County Housing** at **(410) 313-6320** or visit them online at [www.ComeHometoHouseCounty.org](http://www.ComeHometoHouseCounty.org).

---

## **Revitalization of Downtown Columbia!**

On **Monday, February 1, 2010**, the Howard County Council will vote on the Downtown Columbia legislation, **Council Bill 58-2009**, the General Plan Amendment and **Council Bill 59-2009**, an amendment to the Howard County Zoning Regulations. As we approach the vote on this legislation, I invite you to share your thoughts, concerns and suggestions for our communities through email to [cball@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:cball@howardcountymd.gov).

**Council Bill 58-2009** can be viewed online at [http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/Amended\\_CB58-2009.pdf](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/Amended_CB58-2009.pdf) **Council Bill 59-2009** can be viewed online at [http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/Amended\\_CB59-2009.pdf](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/Amended_CB59-2009.pdf) The Council is currently considering amendments to the bills which can be viewed online at [http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/Legislative\\_Pending.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/Legislative_Pending.htm)

---

## **Partnership Promotes Peaceful Conflict Resolution!!!**

A NEW partnership with the Mediation & Conflict Resolution Center (MCRC) at Howard Community College (HCC) will help students and staff at the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) develop skills for peacefully resolving conflicts.

For more information on the HCPSS Partnerships Office, please contact **Joan Fox**, Partnerships Office at **(410) 313-6658** or [joan\\_r\\_fox@hcpss.org](mailto:joan_r_fox@hcpss.org) or **Patti Caplan**, Director of Public Relations, HCPSS at **(410) 313-6680** or [patti\\_caplan@hcpss.org](mailto:patti_caplan@hcpss.org) . The website can be accessed at

[www.hcpss.org/aboutus/partnership](http://www.hcpss.org/aboutus/partnership). The MCRC located at HCC can be viewed at [www.howardcc.edu/Visitors/mcrc](http://www.howardcc.edu/Visitors/mcrc).

---

## **Howard County's GreenFest!!!**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual GreenFest will be held **Saturday, April 17, 2010** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Howard Community College's Burrill Galleria, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD.

Vendor spaces are still available and are accessible online at [www.hcgreenfest.org](http://www.hcgreenfest.org). For more information and/or to have an application mailed to you, contact **Lindsay DeMarzo**, Event Coordinator, by email at [ldemarzo@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:ldemarzo@howardcountymd.gov) or call **(410) 313-4374**.

---

## **2010 Annual Financial Literacy Event: Money Matters!!!**

Howard County **Councilmember Calvin Ball**, in partnership with the **Howard County Library** and **Howard Community College**, will sponsor the third annual financial literacy event entitled "Money Matters: A Community Fun and Activity Fair" on **Saturday, May, 1, 2010** from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** located at **Howard County Library's East Columbia Branch, 6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia MD 21045**.

This event is **FREE** for children, teens, adults and seniors. For more information or to register as a vendor or sponsor, please contact **Kimberly Pruim** at **(410) 313-2001** or send an email to [kpruim@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:kpruim@howardcountymd.gov).

---

## **Nominate Outstanding People and Organizations Helping Children!!!**

Do you know any people or organizations making a positive impact on the lives of Howard County children? Nominations are now being accepted for people or programs including mentors, child care providers, Scout leaders, coaches, human service workers, volunteers, businesses and school or camp programs for their outstanding contributions to our students.

Categories include: Infants and Toddlers (0-3 years), Pre-School (3-5 years), Elementary School (Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Graders), Middle

School (6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Graders), High School (9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Graders), Youth Award, and Family Friendly Business Award. Individual nominees do not need to be a Howard County resident; however, program or business nominees must be located in Howard County.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual “Celebrating Successes for Children” ceremony will be held **Thursday, April 29, 2010** and will be hosted by County Executive Ken Ulman and the Howard County Office of Children’s Services.

Nominations must be faxed to **(410) 313-1430**, delivered or postmarked by **Friday, March 26, 2010**. To request a nomination form, contact the Office of Children’s Services at **(410) 313-1940**, email **Priscilla Kung** at [pkung@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:pkung@howardcountymd.gov), or go online at [www.howardcountymd.gov/children](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/children).

---

## **Leadership U is Now Recruiting High School Sophomores!!!**

Leadership U is looking for high school sophomores to participate in next year’s class! This program helps students entering their junior year develop leadership skills by working in teams to discuss, reflect upon and develop solutions for problems that affect them and their peers in the community.

Attendance is a week long summer session (**July 25, 2010 through July 30, 2010**), completion of a team community service project, and participation in “Shadow Day”. Applications are available in Student Services or at [www.leadershiphc.org](http://www.leadershiphc.org). Cost is \$750 and financial assistance is available. The application deadline is **March 12, 2010**.

Mentoring opportunities are also available with local businesses, community leaders, and/or Howard County Government officials. Information sessions are scheduled for **February 2, 2010** and **February 11, 2010**. For additional information, please contact **Diane Freedman** at [dfreedman@leadershiphc.org](mailto:dfreedman@leadershiphc.org) or visit their website at [http://leadershiphc.org/LHC/Leadership\\_U.aspx](http://leadershiphc.org/LHC/Leadership_U.aspx)

---

## **Travel to Spain as a High School Student!!!**

The Columbia Association (CA) is accepting applications for the Sister Cities High School Student Exchange program until **February 19, 2010**.

Applicants must be high school students residing in Howard County and have completed high school level two of French or Spanish by the end of the current academic year or have the equivalent language fluency.

The registration fee is \$650 for Columbia residents and \$790 for non-Columbia residents, excluding airline fees. For an application or more information, please visit the CA website at [www.ColumbiaAssociation.org](http://www.ColumbiaAssociation.org), or call **Laura Smit**, Program Manager for International Exchange & Multicultural Programs at **(410) 715-3162** or email [International@ColumbiaAssociation.com](mailto:International@ColumbiaAssociation.com)

---

## **Advancing Career Opportunities for Women!**

A **FREE** seminar will be held on **Sunday, March 13, 2010** from **3-5 p.m.** presented by The Women's Giving Circle of Howard County with support from The John Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, Math Engineering Science Achievement (MESA), Maryland Space Business Roundtable and Multinational Development of Women in Technology (MDWIT). This event will be held at the Kossiakoff Center located at The John Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, 11100 John Hopkins Road, Laurel, MD 20723.

Attendees will be able to talk with Professional Women in STEM Careers: Aerospace, Computer Science, Mathematics, Geology, Information Technology, Engineering, Space Science, Chemistry and more. Demonstrations, Displays, Hands-On activities and Career information will be available and parents are encouraged to bring their daughters!

For more information, contact [womensgivingcircle@verizon.net](mailto:womensgivingcircle@verizon.net). Directions are available online at [www.jhuapl.edu](http://www.jhuapl.edu).

---

## **Foreclosure Prevention Workshop!**

I invite you to attend the Foreclosure Prevention Workshop held on **Saturday, February 6, 2010** from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** located at **Woodlawn Senior High School**, 1801 Woodlawn Drive, Gwynn Oak, Maryland 21207.

This event will offer Mortgage Payment Solutions, FREE legal advice, FREE housing counseling, a credit repair seminar and a foreclosure scam seminar! You MUST bring the following documents: Detailed hardship letter, two most recent pay stubs for income verification, last two months bank statements, 2007 & 2008 tax returns, default letters or late notices from your lender, foreclosure notices or threats of foreclosure from your lender, and a list of your monthly household expenses. Please DO NOT bring originals as there will not be a copy machine on site.

For more information, please call **(410) 685-9199**. FREE parking is available on site and at 1718 Woodlawn Drive, Woodlawn, MD located directly across from Woodlawn High School.

---

## **Dobbin Road Addition in Process!**

A Howard County construction project is currently under way at the intersection of Dobbin Road and Dobbin Center Way, south of Route 175. Included in this project will be the construction of a right turn lane from southbound Dobbin Road onto west bound Dobbin Center Way.

During work hours, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. the existing right lane on southbound Dobbin Road may be closed. For questions or concerns, about Capital Project J-4211, contact **Lisa Brightwell**, Public Works Customer Service at **(410) 313-3440** or by email to [publicworks@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:publicworks@howardcountymd.gov)

---

## **Pedestrian Underpasses to Close For Structural Repairs!!**

The Columbia Association will close four of its pedestrian underpass walkways for two months of repair work. The following locations will be barricaded: **Tamar Drive at Hayshed Lane** in Long Reach and **Tamar Drive at Lambskin Lane** in Long Reach.

For more information, please contact the **Columbia Association** at **(410) 715-3000**.

---

## Howard County Parks and Recreation Submits its FY09 Annual Report!

The Howard County Department of Recreation & Parks has released its FY09 Annual Report. To view this report online, please visit <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RAP/RAPDocs/AnnRept09.pdf>

For more information, please contact **Gary Arthur** at (410) 313-4700.  
[www.howardcountymd.gov/rap](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/rap)

---

## Panhandling in Howard County!

We have received many concerns from our residents about panhandling within our District. I would like to take a moment to discuss the law within Howard County and the ways we can work together to combat this issue.

On **October 1, 2009**, the **Vehicle Law Section 21-507(h)** was amended to address concerns over panhandling within Howard County. The law states that "In Howard County, a person may not stand in a State Highway or the Highway Right-Of-Way to solicit money or donations of any kind from the occupant of a vehicle."

Please join me in addressing our concerns. If you see a person panhandling, contact the police immediately at **911** or call the non-emergency line at **(410) 313-4750**.

---

## Jeffers Hill Watershed Mitigation Site!

The Columbia Association (CA) will be installing a Watershed Mitigation Site along the streambed by Footed Ridge & Watchlight Court in Jeffers Hill between **November 2009** and **March 2010**. To see a detailed version of the plans, please visit <http://www.longreach.org>

If you have further questions please contact **Diana Kelley** at (410) 381-2947 or send an email to [dianakelley@columbiaassociation.com](mailto:dianakelley@columbiaassociation.com)



---

## What to Know if You See Snow!!

The Howard County Department of Public Works is responsible for removing snow from our county roads. We proudly have more than 100 snow removal vehicles and have approximately 13,000 tons of salt stored in salt barns throughout Howard County.

The activities of the snow removal trucks can be followed by logging into the Howard County Homepage at [www.howardcountymd.gov](http://www.howardcountymd.gov) and click the “Snow Plow Tracker” icon or accessed directly at <http://snow2.co.ho.md.us/Index.asp>. You will then see a map of the county which shows the status of the county’s roads, whether they have been plowed or treated with de-icing materials.

The Snow Patrol program offers FREE snow removal for qualifying residents. To become a volunteer or be placed on the waiting list of potential clients, please contact (410) 313-5980. If you have any additional questions, please send an email to [publicworks@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:publicworks@howardcountymd.gov).

---

## Going Green!!

**FREE** Paper bags used for Yard waste are now available at The Other Barn. **Limit:** 2 Bags per Household.

“Did you know? Howard County encourages residents to use reusable containers or paper bags for yard waste rather than plastic. Why? Paper bags will biodegrade with the yard trimmings and improve the quality of the finished compost. The bags are easy to fill and more resistant to punctures and tears.” FREE paper bags are available from The Other Barn, Oakland Mills Community Association; the Recycling Division at **6751 Columbia Gateway Dr., Suite 514**; or the Alpha Ridge Landfill in Marriottsville. Quantities are limited. Visit [www.howardcountyrecycles.org](http://www.howardcountyrecycles.org) or call (410) 313-6444 for more information.

---

## Start a Neighborhood Watch Program in Your Community!



The Neighborhood Watch Program involves the joint efforts of the Howard County Police Department and the community designed to enhance neighborhood security, heighten the community's power of observation, and to encourage mutual assistance and concern among neighbors. For more information please contact the Howard County Police Department **at 410-313-2200.**

---

## **Reverse Mortgage Counseling to Residents 62 and Older!**

The Howard County Office on Aging, through Maryland Access Point (MAP), is offering Reverse Mortgage Counseling to Maryland residents age 62 and older who are considering this as an option. The counseling is targeted to seniors who may be able to pay for their everyday expenses but are struggling to cover the costs of health care, home repairs and modifications, increased property taxes and other unexpected expenses.

To schedule a counseling session or learn more about the costs and features of a reverse mortgage, call MAP of **Howard County's toll free number: 1-800-506-5806.**

---

## **We Want To Hear From You!**

The link below will navigate you to a list of meetings open to the public. If you have specific questions, please call the contact number listed for that meeting. [http://www.co.ho.md.us/News/HCG\\_Portal\\_PublicMeetings.htm](http://www.co.ho.md.us/News/HCG_Portal_PublicMeetings.htm)

---

## **How Can You Participate in Howard County Government?**

This is your chance to stay informed and involved! Your comments are welcome as the County Council reviews legislation. You may testify in person or simply submit your testimony by email or fax. All legislative public hearings will take place in the **Board of Education, Board Room, 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City, MD 21042.** Click the following link for the Council's calendar of meetings  
[http://www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CC\\_Legislative\\_CouncilCalendar.htm](http://www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CC_Legislative_CouncilCalendar.htm)

---

## **View the Council's Current Legislation and Stay Informed**

The County Council is responsible for adopting laws within Howard County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle. To view legislation under consideration by the Council, please click on the following link [http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/Legislative\\_Pending.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/Legislative_Pending.htm)

---

## **Boards and Commissions Vacancies**

Persons interested in applying for a Board or Commission position are invited to view the following link  
[http://www.howardcountymd.gov/PortalServices/HC\\_BoardsandCommissions.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/PortalServices/HC_BoardsandCommissions.htm)

---

For additional news and events, please visit the Howard County Calendar of Events at [http://www.co.ho.md.us/News/HCG\\_Portal\\_CalendarofEvents.htm](http://www.co.ho.md.us/News/HCG_Portal_CalendarofEvents.htm).

---

Dr. Calvin Ball  
Council Member, District 2  
[http://www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/Dist2\\_Bio.htm](http://www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/Dist2_Bio.htm)  
410-313-2001

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." Aesop